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After reaching shore a day or possibly two may be given for preparation, and then the great feast begins. Each successful boat owner, beginning with the one whose boat secured the most whales, gives a feast, to which he invites all the members of the tribe and any other people who may be in the village. First a wind break of umiaks, sails or skins is built to act as a shelter against the chilly blasts of the polar winds. It is placed in the form of a large circle if enough material can be secured, in the center of which a walrus hide is placed on the ground, and to its four corners are tied long ropes, which are passed over tripods placed about twenty-five feet from the skin. The ends of the ropes are then drawn tight and made fast with stout stakes driven into the ground, thus raising the skin about four feet. The skin thus becomes a platform some eight or ten feet square, which serves as a sort of movable stage on which the young women dance.

The feast usually begins at the time when the sun reaches a due western point, about 6 o'clock in the afternoon, for during the eighty days of summer at Okeavic the sun never sets, and, being without timepieces, the Eskimos mark their time by the position of the sun while it is visible and by the moon and stars when the sun has gone for the long arctic night. These feasts sometimes last twenty-four hours.

September 15

#### How Fishes Talk.

Fishes undoubtedly communicate with their fellows. Even if they cannot "talk," they have other means of communication that are better adapted to their needs. We know how readily fishes recognize their mates and how quickly brooding fishes repel intruders of their own or other species. Something besides seeing them—perhaps some sense of which we have no conception—may do this. Many fishes communicate with their fellows by means of sounds produced through the medium of their air bladders, by grinding their teeth together and in various other ways.

The sense of touch is highly developed in many fishes and doubtless enables them to communicate. The sense of taste, located all over the skin in some fishes, in the fins in others, and the sense of smell, strongly developed in some forms of submarine life, also must be aids to communication.—St. Nicholas.

#### Fine Stock and Share.

Sch. Dictator, Capt. Lemuel Spinney, stocked \$3340.38 as the result of her recent fresh and salt cod trip, the crew sharing \$71.34 net. This is one of the best shack trips of the season, but Capt. Spinney's reputation for good trips is such that everybody expects him to have a big fare every time and takes it as a matter of course that he does so well.

Sch. Volant, Capt. Oscar Benson, stocked \$2158 on her recent short Georges fresh fishing trip, the crew sharing \$60. Capt. Benson is a young skipper who has made but a few trips and gives promise of being a top nocher.

September 15

### DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

#### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Motor, Georges, 25 swordfish.  
Sch. Marguerite, via Boston.  
Sloop Eva Avina, shore.

#### Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for medium; trawl

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Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.15; medium cod, \$1.75; all cod caught to the eastward of La-Have bank, \$2.15, medium \$1.75; cusk, \$1.50; Eastern haddock, \$1; Western haddock, \$1.15; hake, 85 cts.; pollock, 70c.

Rips cod, \$4.37 1-2 for large and \$3.40 for medium.

Bay of Fundy, salt mackerel, \$17.25 per bbl.

Rips salt mackerel, \$20.00 per bbl.

Fresh mackerel, 11 cts. each.

Georges halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 5 1-2 cts. for gray.

Outside sales of salt bank cod, \$4.05 per cwt. for large, \$3.60 for medium and \$2.25 for snappers.

#### Boston.

Sch. Matchless, 5000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 60,000 hake.

Sch. Harmony, 22,000 haddock.

Sch. Dorothy, 4000 haddock, 8000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Quannapowitt, 30,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 200 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. William H. Cross, 4000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Marshall L. Adams, 15,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 35,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Motor, 25 swordfish.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., 65,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 25,000 hake, 1500 cusk.

Haddock, \$4; large cod, \$4.50 to \$4.75; market ext, \$4 to \$4.50; pollock, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$2 to \$2.50; swordfish, \$14.

#### Mackerel Notes.

Capt. John Hickey of sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., reports seeing many large schools of mackerel on Clark's Bank on Saturday.

Sch. Grayling is at Yarmouth, N. S., today, and Capt. Cameron telegraphed here to find out the mackerel prospects up this way.

#### Fine Maiden Trip.

The new sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Capt. John Hickey, arrived at Boston this morning with a fine maiden trip, 55,000 pounds of fresh fish. As prices are up today, the new craft will make a fine stock for a starter.

#### Good Stock.

The new sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., Capt. John Hickey, stocked \$1711 on her maiden trip, haddocking.

September 12

### DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

#### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Fanny Belle Atwood, Georges, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. James A. Garfield, Rips, 18,000 lbs. fresh cod.  
Sch. Manahassett, shore.  
Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.

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Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.15; medium cod, \$1.75; all cod caught to the eastward of La-Have bank, \$2.15, medium \$1.75; cusk, \$1.50; Eastern haddock, \$1; Western haddock, \$1.15; hake, 85 cts.; pollock, 70c.

Rips cod, \$4.37 1-2 for large and \$3.40 for medium.

Bay of Fundy, salt mackerel, \$17.25 per bbl.

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Fresh mackerel, 11 cts. each.

Georges halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 5 1-2 cts. for gray.

Outside sales of salt bank cod, \$3.80 per cwt. for large, \$3.55 for medium and \$2.25 for snappers.

Haddock, \$4.25; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5; market cod, \$4.25 to \$4.50.

#### Boston.

Sch. Mary Cabral, 8000 haddock, 4000 cod, 15,000 hake.

Sch. Yankee, 10,000 haddock, 800 cod.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 1000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

#### Dogfish Plenty and Squid Scarce.

Dogfish have become so plentiful at Canso, N. S., that trap owners have been obliged to take their squid traps ashore to save them from destruction.

Squid bait continues scarce there. A large fleet of vessels still await the arrival of the squid. Many of these vessels have less than 100 quintals as a result of the summer's work.

Large catches of herring have been made during the past week along the coast west as far as Beekerton. A number of banking vessels have taken a baiting of these while others have sailed for Burin, N. F., where squid bait is reported plentiful.

#### Essex Built Whaler Lucky.

The owners of the new Provincetown whaling schooner J. R. Manta built at Essex, are well pleased at the start she has made in the whaling industry. She left for the Atlantic whaling grounds last June and arrived at Fayal last Thursday with 230 barrels of sperm oil and a chunk of ambergris weighing 12 pounds, which is quoted at \$25 an ounce, and the lump alone will bring \$5000 to the owners of the craft.

#### PROSPECT GLOOMY.

#### Fourteen American Bankers at Bay Bulls, N. F., for Bait.

Fourteen sail of American bankers arrived at Bay Bulls, N. F., on Tuesday of last week in quest of bait which is very scarce there. Some of them have not taken a fish out of the water for three weeks and prospects are very gloomy for them.—St. John's, N. F., Herald.